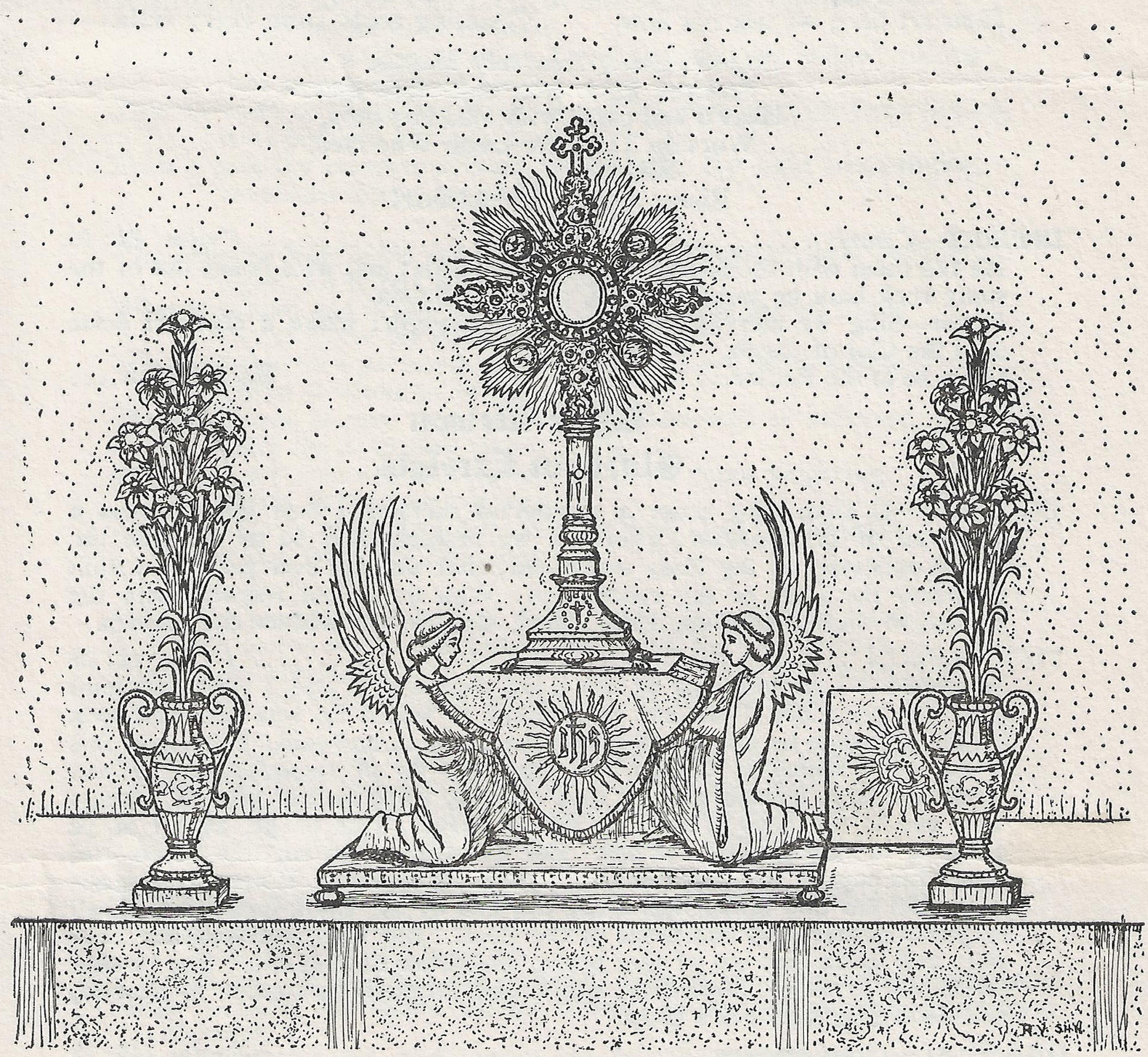
S. Clement's Church, Philadelphia

Mass of Corpus Christi



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MAY THE HEART OF JESUS * IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT *
BE PRAISED, ADORED AND LOVED * WITH GRATEFUL AFFECTION *
AT EVERY MOMENT * IN ALL THE TABERNACLES OF THE WORLD *
EVEN TO THE END OF TIME
AMEN

Mass of Corpus Christi

HYMN—

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
Liftest up Thy people's head.
Alleluia,
Jesu, True and Living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know Thee now.
Alleluia,
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia,
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, Thine Offering, finish'd
Once for all when Thou wast slain,
In its fulness undiminish'd
Shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting Heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming Side,
Heav'n and earth with loud Hosanna,
Worship Thee, the Lamb Who died,
Alleluia,
Risen, Ascended, Glorified!

INTROIT—*Cibavit* ..... *Psalm 81:16*

He fed them with the finest wheat flour, alleluia: and with honey out of the stony rock hath he satisfied them, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm—Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father.... He fed them....

Kyrie Eleison
Gloria in Excelsis

COLLECT—O God, who under a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood; that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption: Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

THE LESSON ..... *1 Cor. 11:23*

Brethren: I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said: Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying: This cup is the New Testament in my blood. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself: and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

GRADUAL—*Oculi omnium* ..... *Psalm 145:15*

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

ALLELUIA ..... S. John 6:56

Alleluia. Alleluia. My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed: he that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

SEQUENCE HYMN—*Lauda Sion*.....*S. Thomas Aquinas (XIII Cent.)*

Laud, O Sion, thy salvation, laud with hymns of exultation
Christ, Thy king and shepherd true.
Spend thyself, his honour raising: who surpasseth all thy praising,
never canst thou reach his due.
Sing today, the mystery showing of the living, life bestowing
bread from heaven before thee set.

In Honour of the Most Blessed Sacrament

E'en the same of old provided, where the Twelve divinely guided,
at the Holy Table met.
Full and clear ring out thy chanting, joy nor sweetest grace be wanting
to thy heart and soul today.
When we gather up the measure of that Supper and its treasure,
keeping feast in glad array.

Lo, the new King's table gracing, this new passover of blessing
hath fulfilled the elder rite.
Now the new the old effaceth, truth revealed the shadow chaseth,
day is breaking on the night.
What he did at supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated,
his memorial ne'er to cease.
And his word for guidance taking, bread and wine we hallow, making
thus our sacrifice of peace.
This the truth to Christians given—bread becomes his flesh from heaven,
wine becomes his holy blood.
Doth it pass thy comprehending? yet by faith, thy sight transcending,
wondrous things are understood.

Yea, beneath these signs are hidden, glorious things to sight forbidden,
signs, not things, are all we see.
Wine is poured and bread is broken: but in either sacred token
Christ entire we know to be.
Whoso of this food partaketh rendeth not the Lord nor breaketh:
Christ is whole to all who taste.
Thousands are, as one, receivers: one, as thousands of believers,
takes the food that cannot waste.
Good and evil men are sharing one repast: a doom preparing
varied as the heart of man.
Doom of life or death awarded: as their days shall be recorded
which from one beginning ran.

When the sacrament is broken, doubt not in each severed token,
Hallowed by the word once spoken, resteth all the true content.
Nought the precious gift divideth; breaking but the sign betideth;
He himself the same abideth, nothing of his fulness spent.

Lo! the Angels' food is given to the pilgrim who hath striven;
See the children's bread from heaven, which to dogs may not be cast.
Truth the ancient types fulfilling, Isaac bound, a victim willing:
Paschal Lamb, its life blood spilling; manna sent in ages past.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us: Jesu, of thy love befriend us:
Thou refresh us, thou defend us: thine eternal goodness send us
in the land of life to see.
Thou who all things canst and knowest: who on earth such food bestowest:
Grant us with thy saints, though lowest, where the heavenly feast thou showest,
Fellow-heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL .....*S. John 6:55*

At that time: Jesus said unto the multitudes of the Jews: My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed: He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead. He that eateth of this bread shall live forever.

The Creed

OFFERTORY—*Sacerdotes Domini* .....*Lev. 21:6*

The priests of the Lord offer incense and bread unto God: and therefore shall they be holy unto their God, and shall not profane his name, alleluia.

Of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN—

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the Throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeem'd us by His Blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
I am with you evermore?

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our Food, our Stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King Eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, Heav'n Thy Throne:
Thou within the veil hast enter'd,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

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PROPER PREFACE .....*Of the Nativity*

Because in the Mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Therefore*...

Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei

COMMUNION—*Quotiescumque* .....*I Cor. 11:26*

As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come: wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, alleluia.

POST COMMUNION—*Collect*—We beseech thee, O Lord: that like as the receiving of thy precious Body and Blood in this life doth foreshadow the everlasting fruition of thy Godhead, so thou wouldest vouchsafe unto us to be fulfilled with the same: Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

HYMN—

Father, Who dost Thy children feed
With Manna rained from above;
Who dost the saving chalice give,
Fill'd by Thy hand in wondrous love:
We praise Thee for Thy mercies sent
To us in this great Sacrament.

O Word-made-flesh, When we adore,
The living Bread sent down from heav'n,
Whose wondrous passion here shown forth
Is the great pledge of sin forgiven;
We praise Thee for Thy mercies sent
To us in this great Sacrament.

O Holy Spirit, Who dost deign
These earthly elements to bless,
Making the bread His flesh to be,
The wine His blood, as we confess;
We praise Thee for Thy mercies sent
To us in this great Sacrament.

O Holy Father, Holy Son,
And Holy Spirit, Whom we love,
Guide, strengthen, save us here below,
And bring us to our home above,
To praise Thee for Thy mercies sent
To us in this great Sacrament!